Thursday Aug 24th 1843
Boston for the hour —
Weymouth for the month.

My dear Friend.

If we do sink as an American Society, at least we sink with colours flying & a hand on the helm that that the vessel feels & obeys till the very moon-rakers are under water. I believe however with faith strong enough to move mountains, that your article "Where we are" — which I have just read, will save the ship yet. I believe, as you very well know, that there is nothing like "coming out." But that is not the doctrine of the American Society, as I wrote to Abby Kelly some few weeks ago. "If" — I said, "a man is strong enough to stand as on a rock, immoveable in the very midst of temptation — strong enough to influence his party instead of being influenced by it, the Am. Soc. has nothing to say against him." Nay, if he yields, ~~as~~ as Bradburn for a moment did & has the strength to bear rebuke & stand by still, the Am. Soc has nothing to say against him. But this is a spot that not one in a thousand has strength to stand on — this rear-ward battle where the cause joins the world. But all is

Sept 1st My plan, alas, comes to nothing about raising money. I went to see Mrs Follen & thought we might be able to do it — but we find it impracticable.

well, if we only as Macaulay says "Stand back
to back, in God's name! & fight it to the
last!" I have a plan in my head to
raise relief for the American Society, which
I hope to bring to something next week. It
may come to nothing but I will see what
will come of it, & hope to report success.
Rogers passed a few days with us at Wey-
mouth, & also with Mr Jackson in town.
Do you know him much? He is just the
man you *would* like, with all his "pe-
culiar views" which are nothing worse
than Pantheism taken the natural way
without Emerson-inoculation. He is of course
a contemner of organizations, for himself, but
that dont signify, as long as he dont jump
upon *our* fiddle, the Ams. Soc. that we think regulates the
dance so well. I am so glad that you
have such valuable short articles too, as
well as the precious & invaluable long one.
(It seems to me as if Mrs Child had slipt
in a few good things into that too. I dont want
to take away your crown, but here & there I

could not help saying at a close neat beautiful turn — "these are my lady's C's & her P's & her T's — methinks we do know.") But the short articles — they all inspire confidence. "The Almanack —"! "The Publisher of the Herald of Freedom is requested" — & by the gentle smooth C. C. Burleigh too! It speaks volumes: & you know all about Abby Kelly's address! — & you tell the Liberator of it too! — & with that fine assurance which high rank gives (as well in the Anti Slavery ranks as in any other) you shake, or better, bend gracefully your editorial head to the Liberator — "The Liberator will please insert this last clause." Ah to be sure it will! It is as good as half a doz broadsides to be able to say to the boarders — "the captain has ordered the helm up, & you cant board this time." I have burnt two remarkably fine editorials, they have been rendered unnecessary by that one sentence. ¶ How often I have tried to express in one sentence that case of the unfitness of 3^{d} party to ~~ga~~ have political influence on account of its bigotry, which you have done up & turned out so perfectly! — I mean from "Lords brethren" to "Geneva." I never could hit it. Just what I wanted. "I have been *fed*," as the old fashioned people of old fashioned sects used to say. I hope Foster & Beach will have the good sense — (& I think they will) to take quietly their little dose. If I understand them, all they want is co-adjutorship on the platform. "Egotism," (reckoned by you among the other isms, — how good was that —) sometimes besets them — how few are altogether free! Setting that aside there are no more faithful or useful men. Poor dear Collins!

only think of poor dear Douglass & Remond having been provoked by the enemies' taunts into assaulting him in one of his Society meetings! I think they will be very sorry for it. Warren came home in the same vessel with Leavitt, Beckwith &c in the Yarmouth. Of course he would not be the first to speak to him. He is not technically an abolitionist but a common worldly gentleman is shocked by the immoralities of reverend hypocrites.

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I enclose herewith $2.00 which must be one for the Standard. & if I had another copper I assure you the sum would not be 2.00 only. Caroline will send the amt of her pledge last year — $10.00. for Anti Slavery I mean — I don't care any other. I love the Society but — fortunately they can exist even in a great dearth of money. Though the papers should all be obliged to stop temporarily (which the heavens forefend!) yet would not the Society be dead; wherever two or three were gathered together in its name it would live.

Affectionately yours with the same assurance to Mrs Child,
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